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SUBJECT: UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL: POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL
FUNDS FOR NAMIBIA AND NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS

REF: (A) GENEVA 9295; (B) GENEVA 9432

1. IN DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR NAMIBIA
OR FOR AFRICAN NLM'S RECOGNISED BY OAU, USDEL SHOULD
EMPHASIZE US SUPPORT FOR PEACEFUL NEGOTIATED TRANSITION
TO MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NOTE OUR CON-
TINUING EFFORTS, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER WESTERN
COUNTRIES, TO BRING ABOUT INTERNATIONALLY ACCEPTABLE
SETTLEMENTS IN NAMIBIA AND ZIMBABWE. US COMMITMENT EXTENDS
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TO FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND, IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING
APPROXIMATELY 20 PERCENT OF UNDP BUDGET, US HAS PLEDGED
\$500,000 FOR INSTITUTE FOR NAMIBIA, \$1,000,000 FOR UNETPSA
IN FY 78. THESE SUMS REPRESENT SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES
OVER OUR 1977 CONTRIBUTIONS. WHILE NO COMMITMENT CAN BE
MADE AT THIS TIME, US WOULD CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR FURT-
DONATIONS TO UNDP FOR THESE PURPOSES, BASED UPON PROPOSED

PROJECTS AND UNDP FINANCIAL CAPACITY.

2. USDEL SHOULD ALSO MAKE CLEAR OUR DISAPPROVAL, AS A
MATTER OF GOOD FISCAL

MANAGEMENT OF UNDP PRACTICE OF COMMITTING ITSELF TO
MORE PROJECTS THAN IT CAN PAY FOR AND THEN EXPECTING
MEMBER STATES TO BAIL IT OUT IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS
FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. UNDP IS
ALREADY OVER-COMMITTED, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, BY
ABOUT \$1.3 MILLION. FURTHER UNDP COMMITMENT TO
PROJECTS SUCH AS THOSE SUGGESTED BY THE COMMISSIONER
FOR NAMIBIA, NO MATTER HOW WORTHWHILE THE PROJECTS
MIGHT BE, WILL ELICIT NO RPT NO RESPONSE FROM US
UNTIL WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS UNDP PLANS
FOR OBTAINING NECESSARY FUNDING.

3. DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN POSITION PROPOSED PARA 6
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BRING HIS FALLBACK POSITION TO THE FLOOR. VANCE

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